

community of Pueblo to strive for their dreams. Her actions are an integral asset to those around her, and the entire State of Colorado. Congratulations on your achievement Andrea, and I wish the best of luck to you and you future endeavors.

COMMENDING THE NATIONS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the one hundred and ninety-one nations that participated in last week's United Nations World Summit on Sustainable Development. I hope that the cooperative efforts of these nations will begin to solve the mounting problems that have been brought to bear by decades of rampant consumption, resource depletion, and overpopulation.

I applaud a major victory of the conference: China's decision to join the Kyoto Protocol and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. I welcome Russia's intention to do the same very soon in the near future. But, I am left with profound disappointment at the United States continued failure to offer our leadership and cooperation in this effort.

The United States, absence at the World Summit on Sustainable Development was not only a setback to America's leadership in the world, it was indicative of the Bush Administration's lack of commitment to solving a problem for which we are a major cause.

Fossil fuel consumption and Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) emissions—the major contributors to greenhouse gas and global warming—are on the rise, most notably in the United States and Asia. The United States, Canada, and Mexico are the primary source of CO₂ emissions in the world. In fact, CO₂ emissions in North America have grown steadily over the last decade, nearly 16 percent between 1990 and 2000. Meanwhile, these emissions have declined in the former Soviet Union, Europe and Japan.

The World Summit was a unique opportunity for nations to cooperatively address what scientists have long stated are the serious consequences of global climate change. Major glaciers and arctic sea ice are retreating, causing sea levels to rise. Rainfall has increased in the Northern Hemisphere leading to unexpected flooding and related disasters. Insurance payments for flood and storm damage rose by \$28 billion in just a decade. Meanwhile, droughts and subsequent poverty and famine have been devastating large parts of Asia and Africa.

The President's failure to attend the summit—like his withdrawal of the United States support for the Kyoto treaty—puts the world's environment and economic well being in jeopardy, even as nations forge on without us. The President's indifference only isolates us from our allies and alienates the developing world.

Indeed, the root causes of global climate change are inextricably tied to the economic and social conditions in which much of the world lives. We cannot ignore the lack of economic opportunity and poverty that help

breed extremism and hatred toward the United States. The World Summit was a profound opportunity for us to lend a compassionate hand to improving lives of people throughout the world.

The United States, as the only remaining superpower, is expected to show leadership on all issues affecting the global community. The President's decision to abandon a leadership role on global climate change and sustainable economic development, I fear, will severely harm our standing in the world—not to mention the environment—for years to come.

HONORING KEVIN EISENBERG

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to honor Kevin Eisenberg, a student at Corona Del Mar High School in Newport Beach, California. Kevin is not you average, everyday student; he is motivated, dedicated, and committed to helping his fellow Americans who are currently serving and fighting for our great nation.

Following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Kevin wanted to show his support for the troops who are risking their lives for us, as well as remember his late grandfather, Mr. Sam Cooper, who was a serviceman in the Navy. Subsequently, he decided to raise money for the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, an organization that does not solicit donations.

Kevin used money previously earned to purchase American flags and bake apple pies, which he then sold from a stand on Newport Boulevard in Costa Mesa. All of the profits, including the initial investment, have been presented to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. In addition to financially supporting this great agency, he circulated information about the organization, helping everyone realize the vital role it plays to American service personnel.

During the six weekends Kevin spent outside at the stand, he raised \$1500.00. What was important to him was not the amount of money actually raised, but more simply, increasing awareness. He wanted his fellow Americans to realize the importance of contributing and serving, with the hope that a chain reaction would ensue.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House please join me in honoring and commending Mr. Kevin Eisenberg for his selflessness, service, and devotion to our great nation, and to those who make the ultimate sacrifice so we may remain free.

PHILO T. FARNSWORTH

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Philo T. Farnsworth, the inventor of television.

Though his name is largely unknown in much of the world, Philo was born in Beaver

City, Utah and later moved to Idaho. At the age of just 14 he conceived of the idea of manipulating electrons while plowing a field on his father's farm.

Seven years later he demonstrated his invention for a small circle of friends and family in San Francisco—and television was born. September 7, 2002 marks the 75th anniversary of Philo's remarkable invention.

Philo struggled to establish a patent for his invention, taking on electronics giant RCA. He battled the corporate giant for the patent rights and his dedication and persistence paid off.

Philo later went on to develop radar systems and the electron microscope in addition to conducting research on nuclear fusion. It was only after his death in 1971 that Philo's achievements in television were acknowledged.

In 1992, the state of Utah presented the United States Capitol with a gift, the statue of Philo Farnsworth that now graces the Hall of Columns, downstairs from this Chamber.

He was hard working and imaginative, as so many Utahns are, and I would like to honor his efforts today. His enthusiastic interest in science sparked a series of technological advancements that truly shaped the 20th century.

HONORING A LIFETIME OF WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY ROBERT E. ROUNDTREE

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifetime of work and accomplishments by Robert E. Roundtree. A Florida native, Bob Roundtree has spent the last 18 years in Springfield, Missouri, where he has been the General Manager of Springfield City Utilities.

Bob Roundtree has risen to the top of his profession in the management of public utility companies. His utility career began more than half a century ago. He started in 1948 as the "oiler" for the power plants in his hometown of Gainesville, Florida. Roundtree says an "oiler" is a glorified name for janitor. During the next 30 years, Roundtree moved through the ranks of the utility company, retiring in 1978 from the position of general manager.

Roundtree moved on to manage utility companies in Brownsville, Texas and Dalton, Georgia before arriving in Springfield in 1984. He transformed the corporate culture of Springfield City Utilities, which provides electricity, natural gas, water and bus services to a community of more than 150,000 people. Roundtree put the utility on sound financial ground, held utility rates stable, improved the reliability of the electric system, instituted safety programs to improve gas line safety, and promoted creation of a water pipeline that ensures adequate water resources for the community for the next 30 years. He also placed the utility company at the forefront of economic development by directing the creation of a major industrial park that is the source of hundreds of new jobs.

His leadership won him the "Springfieldian of the Year Award" in 1995. He has also been recognized by the Hawthorn Chapter of the Professional Secretaries International with